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SUBJECT: EC-9 DECLARATION ON MIDDLE EAST

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- 1. BEGIN SUMMARY: FONOFF REPS HAVE CONFIRMED REPORTS OF EC-9 CONSULTATIONS ON MIDDLE EAST GIVEN TO EMBASSY BRUSSELS. OUR SOURCES SAID THAT FRENCH PRESSURES WERE BEHIND CERTAIN FORMULATIONS THAT VARIED FROM US PREFERENCES. FONOFF REPS EMPHASIZED THAT EC-9 MID-EAST DECLARATION WAS "ONLY A FIRST CONTRIBUTION"; MID-EAST DIRECTORS, POL DIRECTORS AND MINISTERS WILL HAVE MORE TO SAY CONCERNING PEACE GUARANTEES IN UPCOMING MEETINGS THIS MONTH. END SUMMARY.
- 2. EMBOFF OBTAINED FROM AI FONOFF
 OFFICIALS A REPORT ON THE NOVEMBER 5-6 EC CONSULTATIONS
 ON MID-EAST WHICH CONFIRMED ANALYSES IN EMBASSY BRUSSELS
 REFTELS. OUR SOURCES SAID POLITICAL COMMITTEE DISCUSSIONS BEGAN ON THE BASIS OF PARAS 2 AND 4 OF THE EVENTUALLY APPROVED DECLARATION (REF A); THOSE TWO PARAS
 WERE THE AGREED PRODUCT OF OCTOBER 31 COPENHAGEN MEETING OF THE EC-9 AMBASSADORS. OUR SOURCE SAID
 PARAS 1, 3 AND 5 WERE ADDED ONLY WITH GREAT DIFFICULTY.
 HE SAID IT WAS PARTICULARLY DIFFICULT TO REACH AGREEMENT ON PARA 3, WITH ITS REFERENCE TO "THE NEED FOR
 ISRAEL TO END TERRITORIAL OCCUPATION...."
- 3. OUR SOURCE SAID THERE ALSO HAD BEEN A PAINFUL DISCUSSION CONCERNING PARA 2 OF THE EC DRAFT.

BELGIANS AND GERMANS, AND SOME OTHERS,
RESISTED THE FRENCH EFFORT TO SPEAK OF THE "AUSPICES
OF THE UNITED NATIONS", ARGUING THAT TRANSPOSING THE
WORD "AUSPICES", WITH ITS SPECIAL MEANING TO WASHINGTON
IN THIS CONTEXT WOULD AFFRONT THE US. AS A RESULT,
THE WORD "AUSPICES" WAS NOT USED. CORRIDOR SUGGESTIONS
TO SPEAK OF BOTH UN FRAMEWORK AND "OTHER AUSPICES"
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WON LITTLE SUPPORT.

- 4. NEGOTIATION AMONG THE POL DIRECTORS WAS ALSO DIFFICULT CONCERNING PARA 1 JUXTAPOSITION OCTOBER 22 POSITIONS AND POW PROBLEM. IN THE END, AFTER LENGTHY DISCUSSION, THE DIRECTORS SETTLED UPON THE WORD "FACILITATE". OUR SOURCES COMMENTED PRIVATELY THAT THIS WORD DID NOT NECESSARILY IMPLY THAT THE ISRAELIS WOULD HAVE TO RETURN TO THE PRECISE OCTOBER 22 BORDERS BEFORE SOLUTION OF THE POW PROBLEM.
- 5. WE ARE INFORMED THAT THE POL DIRECTORS MEETING LASTED UNTIL 3 A.M., NOVEMBER 6. THE MINISTERS APPROVED THE FINAL PRODUCT OF THE POL DIRECTORS NEGOTIATIONS IN TWELVE MINUTES. IN DOING SO, THEY AGREED THAT IT WAS

PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT TO REACH A COMMON EC-9 POSITION AND TO ADHERE TO COMMON INTERPRETATIONS OF THAT POSITION. (COMMENT: EVERYONE CLEARLY HAD THE E FIASCO INVOLVING DIE WELT PUBLICATION OF 1971 EC-9 MIDEAST PAPER IN MIND. END COMMENT.)

6. OUR SOURCE PARTICULARLY POINTED OUT THE PREAMBULAR

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LANGUAGE "EMPHASIZING THAT THE VIEWS (IN THE DECLARASECRET

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TION) ARE ONLY A FIRST CONTRIBUTION ON THEIR PART TO THE SEARCH FOR A COMPREHENSIVE SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM". IN THIS CONNECTION, THEY NOTED THAT THE EC HAD RESERVED THE RIGHT TO MAKE PROPOSALS IN CONNECTION WITH INTERNATIONAL PEACE GUARANTEES. THEY SAID THE EC-9 MID-EAST WORKING GROUP WOULD BE MEETING ON THIS TOPIC IN THE COMING DAYS. FURTHER, THE POL DIRECTORS WILL CONSIDER THIS SUBJECT AT THEIR NOVEMBER 12-13 MEETING IN COPENHAGEN. THE MINISTERS INDICATED IN THEIR BRIEF NOVEMBER 6 DISCUSSION OF THE MIDDLE EAST THAT THEY WISHED THESE WORKING GROUPS AND POL DIRECTORS MEETINGS TO PROVIDE THE BASIS FOR A FURTHER ELABORATION OF EC VIEWS ON INTERNATIONAL GUARANTEES AND OTHER APPROPRIATE ASPECTS OF THE MIDDLE EAST SITUATION.

7. FINALLY, OUR SOURCE SAID THE 9 ATTACHED IMPORTANCE TO THEIR "ORIGINAL APPROACH" IN PARA 5 OF THE MID-EAST DECLARATION, WHICH EMPHASIZED THE EC'S WISH TO HAVE GOOD RELATIONS "OF ALL KINDS" WITH, BY IMPLICATION, BOTH ISRAEL AND ALL OF THE ARAB STATES. PARA 5 SOUGHT TO EMPHASIZE THAT THIS WOULD ONLY BE POSSIBLE IF THE COMMITTEE FOLLOWED AN EVEN-HANDED AND BALANCED APPROACH WITH ALL MIDDLE EAST COUNTRIES.

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